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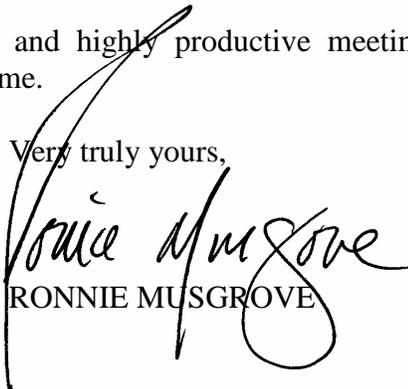
Dear Friends:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I am pleased to extend greetings to all members of the National Council of Churches USA as you gather for your Assembly for the National Council of Churches. Welcome to the beautiful and friendly City of Jackson, the capital of this great State of Mississippi.

We hope that your organization's visit will be a very pleasant one. While in Jackson, please feel free to take advantage of the many wonderful experiences we offer. Dine on some fine Mississippi cuisine or take pleasure in one of our numerous cultural or entertainment events.

Best wishes for a very successful and highly productive meeting. If I may be of assistance to you, please feel free to call on me.

Very truly yours,



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